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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING
REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notification mailed January 19, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the original Notification of Missing Requirements; a declaration executed by the inventors and a Preliminary Amendment that, *inter alia*, provides both a paper copy and a computer readable form of a substitute "Sequence Listing." In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), the undersigned hereby states that the content of the computer readable form of the substitute "Sequence Listing" and the paper copy of the substitute "Sequence Listing" submitted herewith are identical.

This response is filed within the two-month period set for reply without extensions of time. Accordingly, no extensions of time are necessary in conjunction with this response. It is believed that no other fees are due in connection with this response. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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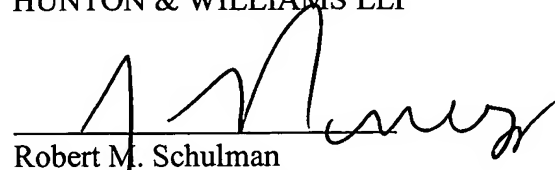
An indication of allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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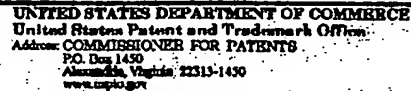
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1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).

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